

HOUSE BILL 160

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By: **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –
Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**

Introduced and read first time: January 15, 2020

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore Regional Neighborhood Initiative Program – Eligible Organizations –**
3 **Alteration of Geographic Boundaries**

4 FOR the purpose of expanding the eligibility requirements for the Baltimore Regional
5 Neighborhood Initiative Program to include certain community development
6 organizations serving a neighborhood or set of neighborhoods outside the Interstate
7 695 beltway; and generally relating to the Baltimore Regional Neighborhood
8 Initiative Program.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Housing and Community Development
11 Section 6–504
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

17 6–504.

18 (a) **(1)** A corporation, a foundation, or any other legal entity is a community
19 development organization eligible to apply for Program funds if:

20 **[(1)] (I)** the purpose of the organization is to implement a clear
21 revitalization strategy in a neighborhood or set of neighborhoods within:

22 1. Baltimore City [or];

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **2.** the inner–beltway communities of Baltimore County or
2 Anne Arundel County; **OR**

3 **3.** **SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION,**
4 **COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE THE INTERSTATE 695 BELTWAY;** and

5 **[(2)] (II)** no part of the organization’s net earnings inures to the benefit of
6 a private shareholder or an individual holding an interest in the entity.

7 **(2) A COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION WHOSE PURPOSE IS**
8 **TO SERVE A COMMUNITY OUTSIDE THE INTERSTATE 695 BELTWAY IS ELIGIBLE TO**
9 **APPLY FOR PROGRAM FUNDS IF:**

10 **(I) THE CORPORATION’S REVITALIZATION STRATEGY**
11 **INCLUDES A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY; AND**

12 **(II) THE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY IS CONTIGUOUS WITH A**
13 **NEIGHBORHOOD OR SET OF NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE ADJACENT TO INTERSTATE**
14 **695.**

15 (b) The community development organization’s application must contain a
16 neighborhood revitalization plan that includes community enhancement projects located
17 within a sustainable community.

18 (c) A community development organization may apply with another community
19 development organization or with a community development financial institution that has
20 the capacity and experience to assist in the financing of real estate projects within the
21 community.

22 (d) The community enhancement projects for which a community development
23 organization applies for Program funds may be located in more than one political
24 subdivision.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
26 1, 2020.